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SUBJ: PRESS INTERVIEW WITH LUIS BUITRAGO, SALVADORAN
REPRESENTATIVE TO HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE

1. TIEMPO OF FEBRUARY 8 REPORTS INTERVIEW OF FEBRUARY 6
IN TEGUCIGALPA WITH EL SALVADOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HIGH
LEVEL COMMISSION, LUIS BUITRAGO. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
BUITRAGO MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. EL SALVADOR IS STRONGLY INTEGRATIONIST. THE SALVADOR
REFUSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPITALIZATION OF THE CENTRAL
AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (BCIE) DOES NOT INDICATE AN
UNWILLINGNESS TO WORK TO RESTRUCTURE REGIONAL ECONOMIC
INSTITUTIONS.

B THE HIGHLEVEL COMMITTEE IS A TECHNICAL RATHER THAN
A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. THE POLITICAL DECISIONS
REGARDING REINTEGRATION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE
RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STATE.

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C. EL SALVADOR IS NOT BOYCOTTING THE MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT DOES NOT INDICATE OBJECTIONS TO THE IDEA AS SUPPOSED BY MANY HONDURANS.

2. BUITRAGO REFUSED TO BE PUSHED INTO WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE POLITICAL QUESTIONS, COVERING HIMSELF WITH THE RESPONSE THAT THE HLC IS PURELY TECHNICAL AND THE FACT THAT HE HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS. HE SIMILARLY DUCKED A QUESTION CONCERNING THE EXISTANCE OF A SALVADORAN/Guatemalan "AXIS" IN VIEW OF GUATEMALA'S REFUSAL TO FUND HIGHWAY CA13 CONNECTING GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS.

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